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SUBJ: COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S VISIT TO CANADA

MAY 6-7

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1. TAYLOR, GENERAL DIRECTOR, WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUREAU, ITC, INFORMED ECON COUNSELOR APRIL 20 OF FOLLOWING DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON RICHARDSON VISIT WHICH ITC INTENDS TO ISSUE "LATER THIS WEEK."

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR. ELLIOT RICHARDSON, WILL VISIT OTTAWA MAY 6 AND 7 AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN MR. JAMIESON AND MR. RICHARDSON SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 2.

IN VIEW OF THE MAJOR IMPORTANCE OF CANADA-U.S. TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BOTH MINISTERS HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO GET TOGETHER AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

IT IS ANTICIPATED HAT THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE WIDE-
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RANGING AND AMONG THE MATTERS WHICH WOULD BE COVERED ARE

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE U.S. AND CANADA, TRADE AND
PAYMENTS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. AND THE SITUATION AND
PROSPECTS FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY.
END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: TAYLOR SAID HE WAS ABOUT TO SEND TEXT O GHERSON,
CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON TO RELAY TO RICHARDSON'S
OFFICE. TAYLOR THOUGHT RELEASE WAS STRAIGHT FORWARD
AND SHOULD CREATE NO PROBLEM FOR USG. HE COMMENTED THAT
SOME REFERENCE TO AUTO INDUSTRY WAS ESSENTIAL FOR
JAMIESON BUT EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO MAKE REFERENCE
"ANODYNE".

4. EMBASSY CONSIDERS RELEASE INNOCUOUS AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED
OTHERWISE DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE ANY QUESTION
ABOUT IT. ENDERS

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